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# WORKERS' OPPORTUNITY.—THEY MUST UNDERSTAND THE PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIALISM AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.

There is no need to repeat the tale of our misfortunes. Everyone knows that the conditions are such that they cannot be exaggerated. A dependence upon the work of others for a chance to work is a general fact. There is virtual slavery in the hands of a few. The control of the earth and the government, and the power to make and take from it all it produces except a more or less meagre share, is in the hands of a few. The majority of this system makes it impossible for business to run smoothly. The workers are paid so small a part of what they produce that they cannot support the world's output and so-called "over-production" brings panic, poverty, and misery. Anarchy in industry everywhere prevails and naturally this is so absolutely unnecessary that it would be ludicrous if it were not so.

Why necessary? Because all this misery and insanities comes from trying to do the business for private profit.

There is nothing to hinder the people from doing their own business for the benefit of the people.

This is Socialism.

Socialism is common sense. It is science. It is trades unionism carried to its logical conclusion. It is certain, under Socialism, that the world's work and no one would over four hours unless he wished.

Socialism would give to the workers (which would be everybody) all that is produced, or at least four times the average of today.

If the labor unions do not wake up—if President Schwaib is right that they do not demand Socialism so long as their stomachs are filled—then we may well be discouraged.

But it is not true—at least it is not true of all.

A great responsibility rests upon the progressive labor organizations at this time. They have an enormous work of education to do.

Common sense, ignorance and folly are the things to be fought. But enthusiasm is contagious and ideas move men to action of supposed "prosperity."

Once let a few get filled with fire and armed with "pointers" and the thoughtless indifference of others will disappear.

Moreover, events will overcome this singleness in time. Passes are not yet ancient history; they will be much in evidence again and the pinch of distress will be a powerful awakening force.

Before that time comes, however, it is all important that a strong working army be ready, trained to lead the raw recruits who will rush pell mell into a conflict which they will little understand.

An army spurred on by misery and united only in rebellion will accomplish nothing or worse than nothing, unless a large leadership is already trained in knowledge and principles so that it may head off false leaders and prevent a conflict on the one hand and futile sidetracking by "reforms" concocted by capital on the other.

There is only one thing that can bring genuine progress, with ultimate peace and plenty, and that is a class-conscious Socialist revolution.

There is no room for divergence and hair-splitting here. There is only one Socialism. No "isms" or opposing doctrines divide the ranks of international Socialism.

It is grounded in science, supported by common sense, reinforced by the logic of each day's events and is coming the moment the working classes understand the situation and unite for their own emancipation.

To make the workers understand the reasons for existing slavery and the laws which will yield freedom for them and sanity for society is the supreme work of the present hour.

The following are some of the principles in which every one should be grounded who wishes to wisely advance the co-operative commonwealth:

First—Evolution as controlling social and industrial development. No worker for Socialism can be too completely filled with the sense of evolution. It is the law which has governed everywhere. Growth—gradual, progressive change—has been the rule in every part of nature and human society. This is the key which unlocks the industrial problem. From the time the first machines were invented in the Eighteenth century and the steam boiler attached to them, the modern system of huge production, world market, labor unions and trusts was born to come. Socialism is equally bound to follow, but in order to bring it rapidly, peacefully and without blundering, men should understand what ails them and so be able to keep cool and not go blindly and passionately into a movement which should be governed by intelligent, orderly common sense. The true Socialist is never bitter, never hates individuals, never rails at conditions, and this is because he is too good an evolutionist to blame anybody for the laws of progress.

Second—The profit system. Another definition of Socialism might well be: Such democratic control of industry as shall eliminate profits. The root of disorder today is the system of private profits. Rent and interest are included in what we here mean by profits. It can be readily shown that with private gain the central basis for the management of industry, all the rest of the system. Political corruption is another inevitable accompaniment of profits, hence a knowledge of this economic system would make a voter invincible when capitalist parties appeal for his vote because of some so-called "Socialistic" platform. It will show him, too, the folly of trying for even good measures, like the referendum, except as a part of a new system.

Third—The class struggle. From many standpoints it can be made absolutely clear that industrial freedom can only come through a revolution won at the ballot box by a clear-cut working class party. A few men may become superior to their class interests and help in the struggle, but the supreme dependence of Socialism must ever be upon the class who have everything to gain and "nothing to lose but their chains." Socialists are amused when people say "Socialism will have to wait until human nature changes." We say human nature will have to change if 95 per cent. of the voters can be persuaded forever to vote for the benefit of the other 5 per cent. That is just a little too utopian for us to accept. We consider that human nature, as it is, is a pretty good thing to tie to, for it prompts to a good, healthy desire to live like men and not like either slaves or paupers.

A knowledge of the class struggle in its history and its operation will make every Socialist feel that he has back of him laws which are as powerful as gravitation and will bring success with absolute certainty and power.

These subjects may perhaps be taken up in this journal through the coming year. In any case, from some source, let those who value freedom and whole-some life gain the spirit of the evolutionist who sees under all evils the law of progress and behind the deeds of tyranny and robbery the laws which produce the tyrant and the exploited. And seeing these things he will work with calm confidence to carry out these laws until they fulfill themselves in orderly justice. Let them also so understand the present system that they will be content with nothing short of a complete overthrow of all private profit by the intelligent co-operation of those who now bear the brunt of an irrational, unjust, and from now on, utterly unnecessary system of production.

Milu Tupper Maynard.

## Victor Hugo's Socialism.

A great deal of useful destruction has been accomplished. Now it is necessary to construct.

Here are three questions:

To construct what?

To construct where?

To construct how?

We reply:

To construct the people.

To construct it according to the laws of progress.

To construct it by means of light.

The transformation of the crowd into the people—this is the task of the Socialists. The men called Socialists have to educate themselves.

The first thought is ignorance; Socialism wishes, then, above all to instruct.

Certain social theories, very distinct from Socialism as we understand it and which have gone astray. Let us discard them from our Socialism! All that remains is the concrete, the real, the cell of the straight line.

There is something beyond satisfying one's appetite. The goal of man is not the goal of the animal. A moral life is necessary. The social question requires, more than ever, to be examined on the side of human dignity.

Let us insist upon the truths that are common to all.

The hour is struck for hoisting the "all for all."

The progress of man through intellectual advancement—there is no safety in that. Ignorance is a longing. Every kind of instruction is due to the people. The more divine the light the more is made for the simple soul.

The great problem is to restore to the people something of the ideal. Here is the truth (this is our task): To sing the ideal, to love humanly, to believe in progress, to pray towards the infinite.

Help from the strong for the weak, help from the great for the small, help from the free for the slaves, help from the thinkers for the ignorant, help from the solitary for the multitudes—such is the law. To love is no less holy than to think.

This is what remains: Society is to be perfected and made fruitful; science is to seek the true; art is to create the beautiful; there is the thirst of thought which is the torment and happiness of man; the lower life aspiring to the higher. Real questions are to be dealt with progress in intelligence and by progress in intelligence and by progress in the poets, the philosophers, the inspired thinkers is invoked. It is perceived that philosophy is a nourishment, and poetry satisfies a need. Man cannot live by bread alone. Give up the poets and you give up civilization. To suffer a people would be worse than to suffer a king. The one is base, the other would be dastardly.

## The New Capitalist Game.

The new time brings new duties. The function of thinkers in our day is complex; it no longer suffices to think, one must love it; it no longer suffices to think and to love, one must act. To think, to love and to act no longer suffices, one must suffer.

The future presses. Tomorrow cannot wait. Humanity has not a moment to lose. Quick, quick, let us hasten.

Before all, above all, let us be lavish of the light. All sanitary purification begins by opening the windows wide. Let us open wide all intellects. Shed abroad hope, sow the ideal, do good. One step after another, horizon after horizon, conquest after conquest.

The name "revolution" will be the name of civilization until it can be replaced by the word "harmony."

Bad men spring from bad things; hence let us correct the things. Make room for better, greater men.

Mankind no longer owned, but guided; this is the new aspect of things.

The masters are going out, the liberators are coming in.—Victor Hugo.

**Rotten at the Top.**

There is another Trampy Croft scandal brewing in fashionable London society. The husband and wife are well known in the aristocracy of Mayfair, and it is reported were caught cheating at bridge. While the husband played the wife walked around and signalled the opponents' hands to him.

The fact that he invariably won aroused suspicion; a watch was set and the wife detected in the act of signalling.

Efforts are being made to prevent the names becoming public. Husband and wife have left town. It is reported there has been many card scandals in Mayfair this season. Bridge for high stakes is played everywhere; many young men and women have been unable to meet their losses and compelled to retire from society. Rendered desperate by losses players have not hesitated to resort to cheating. Play at country houses has been unusually heavy, and many hostesses are so infuriated with bridge that they decline to include in their country house parties men and women unable to play bridge or unable to afford heavy losses.

It is reported that one hostess won \$25,000 from her guests in one week's play.—Ex.

**A Well Governed City.**

In Dusseldorf, Germany, municipal ownership has been developed to a very unusual degree of efficiency. The city owns and manages practically everything in the way of public utilities. Railways, street car lines, gas and electric lighting, illuminating and other purposes, telephones, postoffice, harbor, docks, warehouses, elevators, free baths, parks, gardens, art galleries, museums, and a municipal theater are all under the

direct charge of the authorities. In the sphere of education the municipality does everything—runs schools, colleges, gymnasiums, technical schools, libraries, etc. There are no slums, and not likely to be any, as the council has adopted a progressive housing policy. It builds municipal dwellings, and money is loaned on easy terms from the social insurance funds to help workmen build their own houses. Several kinds of public banks are maintained, and for the benefit of the very poor the city provides a municipal pawn shop. A system of state insurance against old age and sickness, universal pensions for workmen, and provincial fire insurance are supported, in which the city participates. When the citizen dies, he is buried in the municipal grave yard by the municipal undertaker. The government of the city is in the hands of a benevolent oligarchy, which has limited the voting franchise so that two-thirds of the city council is elected by the property classes.—Selected.

The coal question is the most important question of the day. It has been clearly proven to the most conservative minds that coal is a necessity to the individual lives as well as to the welfare of the nation. Private ownership and control of coal mines and transportation facilities is equivalent to control of life and death in the nation.

As to the resolution, the judiciary committee in all probability will report that Congress has no right to take possession of coal mines and railroads without reimbursement to the private owners, and will recommend the appointment of a committee to take proper steps in this direction, and such a committee can then draw out its work and delay its report until after the national election. In the meantime the people will forget the present calamity, those that are now taking an oath alongside their GOLD STONES not to vote for the corrupt politicians again will go to the polls and vote the capitalist class into power as heretofore. They will do this as long as they listen to the promises and believe in the shew of public ownership planks in the platform of both the old parties.

To obtain all the necessities and comforts of life we must beware of old party politicians, we must learn to vote for principles instead of voting for mere officeholders.

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C. T. H. Westphal.

## Just A Sketch.

The time is 10 o'clock on a January night in the year of 1903. The place a rich and fashionable avenue in one of our big cities. The scene a modern-built mansion through whose daintily curtained windows an uncrowned sovereign wistfully gazes and contrasts the life and out of the players in the great game of life. Jack Frost, who is no respecter of persons, holds supreme away and makes the lone, contemplative, uncrowned sovereign energetically dance to his keen music. All unconscious of her royal audience and his fantastic sidesteps on Mr. Frost's beautiful carpet of snow a hearty, vigorous, earnest warrior whistles "In the Good Old Summer Time."

The flashing lights, genial warmth and perfumed air laden with harmony entrances so that the approach of two bright-looking individuals is unnoticed until the uncrowned sovereign hears the imperative demand of "Stand up, stranger, and be quick about it." Wheeling in response he places the gleaming barrel of a gun and his hands go skyward with the remark: "Go ahead, Tom, I wish you better luck than robbing men as poor as yourself." Well, may I go to Hong Kong and be a Chinaman if it isn't our old friend Tom, the Beg pardon, Tom, we mistook you for that old vampire Peters who so mercilessly ground us down last summer that we all had to strike."

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Properly the tools of production were owned and owned by the individual workers, and the machinery, which is but an improved and improved tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of life, and the poverty and misery of the workers, and it divides society into two classes—the capitalists and wage workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of production gives to the capitalist the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the working men, and enables them to reduce the working men to a state of intellectual and political inferiority, political subordination and virtual slavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fought, and the world is in a state of anarchy, and the capitalist may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage workers. The active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of production. The Democratic, Republican, and bourgeois public ownership parties, and all other parties which do not demand the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike interested in the preservation of the capitalist system.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the capitalist powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, which must draw and oppose to all parties and to the property classes.

We declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the overthrow of the capitalist system depend upon the stage of development reached by the economic conditions. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist party

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### NOTES FROM YANKEE-LAND.

The Dakota Sieve of Westland Springs, S. D., has come over. Father McGrady will make a protracted tour of the West next summer. Who has photos of the old Rusk colony they wish to dispose of? Drop us a line.

The Ohio state headquarters will hereafter be at Cleveland, as decided by referendum vote.

A daily paper is proposed at Telluride, Colo. The miners and other organized workers are back of the plan.

The Brooklyn Eagle recently published a two-column interview with Comrade William Malley, the state organizer in Massachusetts.

The claim that Father McGrady is no longer a priest is not true. He merely resigned as pastor of St. Anthony's Church, in Bellevue, Ky.

The Kiel (Wis.) comrades not only subscribed liberally to the monthly pledges for the state fund, but have paid in the amount pledged and are after more subscriptions. Kiel sets the pace!

Wisconsin branches wishing to secure dates for Comrade A. S. Edwards' lectures during March and April will kindly confer with the state secretary, E. H. Thomas, 614 State street, Milwaukee.

Comrade James O'neal, one of the best workers in Indiana, has resigned as state secretary and will go to Aspen, Colo., to manage the tours of the Strickland-Jones Socialist lectures.

Father Hagerty speaks at Kalispell, Montana, February 1; at Sockett, February 3; at Neillhart, February 4; at Great Falls, February 5; at Helena, February 6; at Anaconda, February 7; at Butte, February 8 and 9.

Comrade H. Gaylord Wilshire of Wilshire's Magazine came off with flying colors in his debate in New York with Prof. Helligman of Columbia University. The hall was jammed to its capacity with an audience of 3000 people, and as many more had to be turned away.

The decision of the Massachusetts court gives Comrade Parkman B. Plender the office of mayor of Haverhill by 6 plurality. He will appoint Comrade Albert S. Gillen his clerk, the Central Socialist Club having picked him for the position.

Prof. Seligman of Columbia university, although a learned man in his line, is said to have put up a very weak opposition in his debate with Wilshire at Cooper Union, New York, using arguments against collectivism that were long ago abandoned by our opponents.

The Ohio courts have ruled against the A. F. of L. emblem, which the Ohio Socialists sought to use on the official ballot, the objection being its circular form. Now the Ohio comrades propose to use the arm and torch. First they know the capitalist press will be referring to them as the "incendiary party!"

The Social Crusaders, Stitt Wilson, William Wise, and Thompson and Ben Wilson, are being tossed about in an amusing way in Colorado, at the hands of the "class-conscious" fanatics. The Crusaders helped work up a state movement so that a state organization was effected, and the state committee then put a ban on the crusaders, how has gone "clear cut" Socialism, state to the other, and it looks as if a new state committee will be put at the helm. Oh, these heresy banters!

Notes from the Wisconsin Field—Signs of the Times.

While not so large as some meetings I have held in other states there is a power and promise about the Wisconsin meetings that makes them as good as the best. The comrades in their noble spirit of devotion and service. Nothing is more inspiring than to see the splendid work they do in the face of all kinds of difficulties. They, one and all, do everything and leave no stone unturned to make our meetings a constant triumph.

Everywhere I go I feel the effects of the splendid work of Comrade Gaylord. He is a tower of strength to the movement and his tireless energy is accomplishing wonders in hard places. At one

place a Republican editor who only recently graduated from the Wisconsin state university, told me that since Gaylord had been after him he wasn't quite sure where he was at; and he is quite convinced that he at least is entirely unable to meet the Socialist argument.

At Brillion our meeting was nearly frozen and smoked out, but we had a good meeting anyway, made a number of converts and put in four or five years' Herald, which will do the rest.

At Whitewater we had a three day meeting. This is a "stairway" Republic on a stronghold, where a year ago the people talked seriously of hanging a man for being a Socialist. The meetings were small, but they were good, and just in proportion to the difficulties of the field the comrades there are heroic. Comrade Weaver has a stereotyped and lectures in country school houses. Every night now at the close of his lectures he gives a few minutes to Socialism. In this way he is doing a service to the cause of inestimable value.

One of the comrades complains that the church people in his town pray to God to have mercy on them 364 days in the year and then go and vote themselves into hell on the 365th.

At Janesville there's another nest of cigar makers who are the salt of the earth. They had the hall packed to the doors. A group of college students from Beloit were in the audience. I learned afterwards to get pointers on public ownership. They are going to have a debate.

Nearly 200 citizens at Darlington signed a resolution endorsing the bill introduced by Congressman Jenkins demanding the government seizure of coal mines and railroads.

Carl D. Thompson.

At Pacific, a country point, the people crowded the school house on Sunday night, sitting three on a seat, and some on the floor on piles of dogskin coats. Comrade Dunham has been making a hard fight here for years and now he has the satisfaction of seeing the whole community coming his way. The meeting resulted in one new member for the cause, a good one, and a good deal of state work, and an awakening of interest among the women of the community as well as the men. Pacific Social Democrats tied the Democrats at the last election and bid fair to carry the town at the next state election. Talk about the farmers being slow to accept Socialism! Sheboygan is not much ahead of Pacific.

ACROSS THE HERRING POND.

The Japanese government has ordered that Socialism be studied in the Imperial University.

The Socialists in the Swiss Parliament have formed a group, with Comrade Greulich as chairman.

The number of Socialists elected to the Swiss local councils continues to increase.

Comrade Jaures has been elected fourth vice president of the French Chamber of Deputies.

Blatchford's latest Socialist book, "Britain for the British," is now in its second hundred thousand and still selling briskly.

A total of over 215 Socialists have been elected to town councils throughout Germany in the recent municipal elections, 117 towns in all.

The employers of Germany are posting up the Emperor's anti-Socialist speeches and circulating them as leaflets among the men.

In Spain the General Labor Union is based on the Socialist platform and is making splendid progress. There are now 267 branches, with 43,000 members.

Bjornson, the world-famous Swedish author, has written that he is in entire harmony with the Socialists and sees that they are the only political movement offering any hope for the working people.

Senatorial elections in thirty-four departments in France were held Saturday, January 3. Reports from eighty-two out of ninety-eight senators show that the Socialists elected thirty-four, the Republicans thirty, and the Radicals eighteen. This is a splendid gain for the Socialists.

The Socialists of Melito di Porto Salvo have now two members in the common

council. They had one and recently another party member became converted and joined the party of the people. His name is Thomas Kerrick. No one has asked him to resign, and the Socialists will make the most of the added strength given them.

According to the Labor World of Tokyo the agitation proceeds vigorously in Japan. On December 20 a meeting was held at Soka, especially for tenant farmers, on December 22 and 23 labor meetings were held at Omiya, Ushigome and Asahi. On the 25th, at Omori, another meeting was held and the day after at Yokohama. Hundreds were in attendance.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—The sensation here is a page exposure by Vorwarts, the Socialist organ, which in the past has been able to obtain possession of important government circulars and information of what purports to be an attempt on the part of the police to bribe one of its employees to reveal the secrets of the office. The employee referred to, a man named Stofen, was offered \$15 monthly for his services. He accepted the first bribe and turned the money over to his paper, which has warned the police agents that all the information possible on this and other subjects will be published.

St. Louis Passes Resolutions.

In deference to requests from St. Louis we give herewith the two resolutions recently passed by the St. Louis central organization. Inasmuch as the unseemly squabble is more than a mere local affair, being a quarrel between national officers growing out of the stand for fusion with labor parties taken by Secretary Greenbaum and others, it is necessary to inflict the affair on the comrades generally. It will be better prepared them for judgment in events that may develop out of the trouble. The resolutions are as follows:

St. Louis Jan. 4.—Resolution 1. "Local St. Louis of this Socialist party, in general meeting assembled, adopts the following resolution concerning the San Francisco fusion affair:

"Resolved, that local St. Louis reiterates its allegiance to the principles of the Socialist party as adopted and agreed upon by the Indianapolis Unity convention. We are fully convinced of the correctness and soundness of the Socialist party tactics, and therefore must emphatically repudiate and condemn any attempt to lead our movement into fusion and compromise with so-called Union Labor and other parties, thereby disrupting the Socialist party and its movement."

"Resolved, that we call upon the Socialists and their sympathizers throughout the country to be on their guard, because the capitalist parties are beginning to realize the seriousness of the political situation, and the onward march of the class-conscious members of the Socialist party. It is especially the Democratic party that will do all in its power to side-track the Socialist movement by the organization of a Democratic Union Labor party for the purpose of holding the organized labor and the labor vote."

"Recent developments have shown that the Democratic millionaire and newspaper publisher, Hearst of New York, with his New York Journal, Chicago American and San Francisco Examiner, assisted by a number of capitalist political hirelings in the labor movement, and as Secretary Stephens of the National Building Trades Council and others, are already freely advocating the Democratic 'Union Labor' fusion ticket with Millionaire Hearst as Democratic presidential candidate for 1904, and the Cook county Democratic politicians are making strenuous efforts to enlist President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers as candidate either for governor of Illinois or for the vice presidential companion of Millionaire Hearst."

"Resolved, that the Socialist party of St. Louis will continue the class-conscious political battle of labor in all future campaigns, and will not have anything to do with the trades union movement."

Resolution 2. "Whereas, Comrades E. Val. Putnam and James S. Roche have come out in the St. Louis party of the Social Democratic party, the San Francisco political den known as the Socialist-Union Labor party fusion movement, but also advocating the extension and expansion of said fusion tactics all over the country."

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Resolved, that local St. Louis hereby disapproves of their action and kindly requests Comrades E. Val. Putnam, James S. Roche, M. Ballard Dunn and Leon Greenbaum and all those favoring their fusion schemes, to resign as members of the national committee and officers of the national committee; and be it further

Resolved, that, failing to resign, we call upon the national committee of the Socialist party to remove them.

Albert E. Sanderson, City Secretary.

More Resolutions.

The following resolutions were passed by the Socialists of Malden, Mass.:

"Whereas, Job Harriman, candidate for Vice President of the Social Democratic party in 1900, has come out for fusion with the Union Labor party of California, and

Whereas, the national constitution of the Socialist party of America expressly forbids fusion with non-socialist political parties; therefore in view of the fact that he had deliberately violated the fundamental principles of Socialism by espousing fusion, be it

Resolved, that said Job Harriman shall be expelled from the Socialist party of America and that we call upon the various branches of the Socialist party to give their endorsement to the above resolution so that our national secretary shall initiate a referendum vote of the party, as to whether the national committee endorsing the above will please send an account of their action to the party press and notify E. C. Yates, 604 Highland ave., Malden, Mass.

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With the Workers.

Just think of Socialism in Alaska! Socialism seems to be like the thermometer itself—found in all climates. Comrade Roecker of Chilton, Alaska, comrade from a Chitana Creek, Alaska, comrade who says among other things: "I thought I would drop you a line about that Socialist paper you are going to send me. . . I would like it very much as there are a good many Socialists around here now and the boys that are with me are talking a little way to a certain extent. . . I don't know how we get possession of the Herald. When we get possession of the Herald we shall expect to see a 'socialist' corner" in from our extreme "northwest corner!"

Comrade Hutchinson's request from Cambridgeport, Mass., for copy of The Herald containing the article on Dr. Lyman Abbott, has been answered through the kindness of Comrade Weaver of Town Milwaukee, who has sent me a copy of that issue he could spare. It has doubtless reached its destination ere this.

Dear Herald.—This is a tough city to canvas for a Socialist paper. But I will try again and perhaps can do a little bit better than last time. I don't know what your issue of 3d is ENTUSIASMING. . . . Please mail me a few copies of this week also. I would like to mail you more stamps but can't.

Simone Stetson.

The Herald has been receiving the most flattering words from comrades in the Wisconsin points where Comrade Carl D. Thompson has been holding his meetings. "Most eloquent, interesting and instructive ever given on Socialism," is a sample of one of the expressions. Comrade Weaver writes the first two lectures and then went to hear the platform king (a much heralded orator named Dixon) at the Cong. church, said Mr. Thompson was far the most eloquent and ablest speaker and were sorry that they had missed even out of his lectures. In behalf of our comrades I will say they cannot express in words the gratitude they feel for Comrade Thompson in his glorious work and we know that glory will crown his efforts with the greatest success."

A comrade in California writes us the following query:

Dear Herald.—Will you please give me the facts in regard to when the government was the nearest out of debt since 1890. And what is the debt now, also the total debt, national, bonded, and all other indebtedness of the United States of the people thereof. Also what reports will I send for so I can get the number of families owning their own homes. Please answer through the columns of the Herald. C. W. Badger.

If the comrade will write to the Bureau of Labor, Washington, D. C., we think he will have his questions authoritatively answered and he will also get the documents he is in need of.

Comrade Nash of Minneapolis, writes, among other things:

Dear Herald.—Enclosed please find (etc.) . . . I am going up to the north part of the state about February 1 to spend some time like two or three weeks in former populist districts. . . . You are putting

out about as good a sheet as can be found. I have but little time to read Socialist papers, preferring to examine and analyze the capitalist sheets, but nevertheless always wish for the appearance of the Herald with renewed interest each week. I can manage to rip capitalism up the back in splendid shape.

Dear Herald.—For enclosed send Herald to the following address: This is a farming district where I am at present and the majority of farmers are either Republican or Democratic because they always were. But there are quite a few of them that are beginning to think for themselves and I will try in the future to reach them with literature of which I think the Herald is best, for it did me some good.

Peter J. Schneider.

Oconomowoc Rural Route 8, Wisc., Jan. 3. Editor Social Democratic Herald. The New York Daily People of January 16 is an article headed "Kangarooism Rent."

St. Louis 'Socialists' Ask National Officers to Resign.—Majority Want to Pose with the Duty of Labor Party.—National Officers to Decide.—May Cause New Political Party." Then, in the news article which follows, it quotes from the St. Louis Chronicle of January 10 an article headed in this manner: "Socialists Split Short Circuit Labor.—Question of Fusion Causes Disruption and National Secretary Greenbaum and Other Leaders Asked to Resign." I would like to know if such an article appeared in said paper. My S. L. P. friends are constantly showing copies of the Daily People to me, containing articles not at all complimentary to the S. D. P. or some of its members, some of them containing very serious charges. I have been a reader of the Social Democratic Herald for nearly a year. When my friends would show me something in Daily People in reference to acts of the S. D. P. or its officers, I would watch the Herald hoping to see some refutation of the charges, but watched in vain, with the single exception of an editorial calling De Leon a prevaricator and denying a statement that he had made in reference to Debs being in a hotel fire in Milwaukee. But you overlooked the point that De Leon had made in said statement that, according to Debs' own words to the hotel proprietor, that there was a bundle of railroad passes missing from his room. Think of it, Debs traveling on railroad passes. That was the only thing in the statement that was of any importance, and to my mind that was the thing to be denied if it were possible to deny it.

Geo. B. M. Brown.

Philadelphia, Jan. 17. To Comrade Brown we may say in answer to the latter part of his letter, that the denial as to Debs being in a hotel fire carried with it a denial of the railroad pass story. We were at some pains to look the charge up and went through our file of the People to find it as originally made. It was made in the usual slanderous, S. L. P. fashion, by a correspondent who was notorious for untruthful, and was not specific as to facts. Debs does not and did not ride on passes, and he had more reason not to at the time of the great A. R. U. struggle than he would have now. The nearest we can come to a foundation for the pass story is this: That a man in some way identified with the A. R. U. was in a hotel robbery

and had some passes stolen. Probably this incident suggested the idea of pinning the thing on Debs. As to the rest of the letter, we make it a practice not to answer the charges made by the character-assassins of the S. L. P. for the reason that we would simply bring contemptuous to their lies by noticing them. The S. L. P. is now at that pass where it can do little else than try to obstruct the growth of our party. We are more for propaganda than we do for quarreling. As to the St. Louis matter, see elsewhere in this issue.

Editor Herald: On account of letters sent out by Comrades Greenbaum, Putnam, Roche and Dunn, some of which were published in Socialist papers, some comrades apparently got the idea that all the St. Louis comrades favored the peculiar ideas of these four in regard to fusion with so-called Union Labor parties. The first resolution we passed was to show the comrades at large how we stood. The second was to show that we considered it the duty of comrades holding such high executive positions to adhere strictly to the party's principles and platform. I am well acquainted with the four comrades and appreciate the work they have done here for the past few years and never had any great fault to find with any of them until they got so strong on this fusion business. All that any of them know about trade unions is that they belong to a small federal labor union—Putnam having gotten out when he began to practice law. During the discussion on the resolutions, Greenbaum said that if a Union Labor party ticket was put up in St. Louis, no matter who its candidates were, and there was also a Socialist ticket in the field, he would work and vote for the labor party. Those of us here who know Steinbliss and other skates like him who would be the

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